

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1985, AT 7:00 P.M.  
BUNKER CONFERENCE ROOM, CENTENNIAL BUILDING, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. Call To Order And Roll Call:

Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-President:

Ron Hiscox  
Michael Judson

Arts And Science:

Maria Calderone  
Adrian Chomenko  
Milva D'Aronco  
Carla Grodis (8:00 p.m.)  
Andy King  
Chris Mostovac  
Mark Pink  
Heather Rerrie  
Jennifer Stark  
Karen Takacs

Commerce:

Janice Domaratzki  
Elizabeth Laett  
Lorne Severs

Engineering and Comp. Sci:

Dan Artola  
Martin Pereira

Fine Arts:

David Etherington (7:40)

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maki Kusano  
Commerce: Jenny Rice (w/r), Shirleen Weekes  
Engineering: Andrew Haberl (w/r), Jonathan Jolivet (w/r)  
Fine Arts: Page Lopez

Advisors to the Board Present: Alex Commodari, V.P. Programming; Francois Desrosiers, V.P. External; Joel Max Elkin, V.P. Liaison; Yael Lifshitz, V.P. Education; Carolyn Whitzman, V.P. Communications

2. Approval Of Agenda:

Delete Item 5 - Address by the Rector and substitute Senate Appointments as Item 5.

Add Hiring of CUSACORP General Manager

Agenda approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes of 35th Meeting:

MOVE to table Approval of Minutes of 35th Meeting to  
the next meeting.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Unanimous

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Scott White circulated a Directors' Availability Sheet to determine the most convenient meeting time.

Scott White also received letters from:

- Robert Gauvin, Commerce Director, submits his resignation from the Board owing to family bereavement.
- Jonathan Jolivet, Engineering Director, will not sit as a Board Member until the ECA service contract is resolved.
- Carolyn Whitzman, V.P. Communications, submits her resignation owing to academic and financial problems. Will continue to serve until a replacement is found.

Scott has noticed that there haven't been a lot of Executive Reports forthcoming and he requested more. He also reminded everyone that CUSACORP Board of Directors and CCSL members were appointed provisionally, so these appointments (or others) must be made permanent.

Re: OPC - one is needed soon, preferably soon after the by-elections to initiate the new Board members. Will be asking for an organizing committee soon.

A gentle reminder: outlined the 5 basic principals of parliamentary laws: i) one question at a time, ii) rule of the majority, iii) right of free and full debate, iv) equality of membership, and v) courtesy.

(7:45 p.m.)

5. Senate Appointments:

Yael Lifshitz, V.P. Education, nominated the following people to sit on Senate for the year 1985-86:

Harris Breslow  
Dale Lockhart  
Elizabeth Laett  
Ron Hiscox  
Yael Lifshitz

Yael explained that the Education V.P. merely recommends nominees, the Board must appoint them. It was decided that each candidate would be asked questions and voted on individually.

Harris Breslow: Is currently Political Science Students' Assoc. President. Was involved at CEGEP level also. Thinks it is a necessity to get departmental issues addressed at Senate. Stresses grass roots commitment. Has acquainted himself with Senate issues. Mark Pink commended Harris on the recent P.S.S.A. Newsletter.

MOTION 217:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Harris Breslow be appointed to Senate.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

VOTE ON MOTION 217: 15/0/0 UNANIMOUS

Yael Lifshitz: As Education V.P. it is essential to her job that she sit on Senate.

(8:00)

MOTION 218:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Yael Lifshitz be appointed to Senate.

Moved by: Lorne Severs  
Seconded by: Jennifer Stark

VOTE ON MOTION 218: 18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

Dale Lockhart: Past Academic Council Chairperson, involved in Applied Social Science Students' Assoc. and many committees. Wants to ensure a proper flow of communication between all levels of administration and the students.

MOTION 219:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dale Lockhart be appointed to Senate.

Moved by: Mark Pink  
Seconded by: Elizabeth Laett

VOTE ON MOTION 219: 18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

Elizabeth Laett: sat on Senate last year, and Faculty Council. Has the knowledge of past issues and wants to form a direct link between Senate and Faculty Council.

MOTION 220:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Elizabeth Laett be appointed to Senate.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Maria Calderone

VOTE ON MOTION 220: 17/0/0 UNANIMOUS

Ron Hiscox: As Co-President, it is felt that is important that he be present. Feels that we must concentrate a lot of energy on the Faculties of Commerce and Engineering and Computer Science.

MOTION 221:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ron Hiscox be appointed to Senate.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie  
Seconded by: Elizabeth Laett

VOTE ON MOTION 221: 17/0/0 UNANIMOUS

Karen Takacs questioned the "rubber stamp" approach to Senate appointments. She would like to see more people than positions. Yael Lifshitz explained her recruiting and interviewing procedures. Discussion ensued regarding how to make the appointments more democratic and less like a ratification. Yael said she will take into consideration what the Board has said.

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6. Reports:

a) Co-Presidents Report - Michael Judson:

Michael recently attended the founding conference of the International Association of University Students in Los Angeles. Represented were 63 universities from 23 countries. The Association is set up to be non-political, to deal with common issues such as financial aid, student rights, quality of education, etc. Primary function of the conference was to write a constitution and to elect an administrative board.

Capital Campaign: Had a meeting with the Rector's office last week and they are not pleased. Reaffirmed the Board's decision to keep the donation refund period open. Also needs two Directors to sit on the Capital Campaign Committee.

b) Communications V.P. - Carolyn Whitzman:

Next CUSA Today will be out Friday (Sept. 20). The Handbook should be out by tomorrow (Sept. 10). Capital Campaign mailout finally got out. Questions were asked about the long delay in the Handbook. Carolyn explained that a lot of the delay was due to the closure of the typesetting shop. Milva D'Aronco suggested that David Hunt submit his report to the Board, outlining all the difficulties and time problems that were encountered.

(8:30)

c) CUSACORP - Lorne Severs, President:

Have been having major problems with the current computer system and CUSACORP is currently looking into buying a new one. Problem with imputation charges will be resolved shortly. Full time and part time permanent employees within CUSACORP will not have salaries indexed to rate of inflation.

d) Education V.P. - Yael Lifshitz:

A problem has been brought to her by the Political Science Students' Association concerning a professor whose contract has not been renewed. The professor in question is a recent recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award, and is highly recommended by his students, a petition circulated last year affirmed the students opposition. Discussion ensued concerning whether the Board should take a stand or not, and it was decided that this matter would be brought up at the next Board Meeting as the Political Science Department may have reconsidered.

(8:45)

7. Question Period:

Carla Grodis asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Student Advocate Program. Michael Judson replied that people have applied, but Judicial Board has not met yet. Carla continued by asking whatever happened to Executive Reports. Joel answered that he is always available to speak to Directors. Carla noted that this wasn't the point - the reports should be made at the meeting.

Joel asked about the applications for the Rector's Committee on the Status of Women. Mike answered that 3 or 4 have been received.

Lorne Severs wanted a rough "guesstimate" of how many students have requested Capital Campaign contribution refunds. Estimates ranged from 800 - 1500.

Milva D'Aronco asked a Co-President to explain what is happening with the Engineers Service Contract. Ron Hiscox explained that at this point the problem is only a mathematical one. Milva continued that she doesn't find the answers that she has been given are satisfactory and she would like to debate the issue. Discussion ensued.

MOTION 222:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following item be added to the Agenda as Item 8.c): Engineering Service Contract.

Moved by: Martin Pereira  
Seconded by: David Etherington

VOTE ON MOTION 222:

11/5/1 CARRIED

(9:15)

8. New Business:

a) Loyola Film Society Ratification:

Joel Elkin introduced Ron Mezey, Publicity Director of the Society. The Film Society will bring less mainstream films to the F.C. Smith Auditorium, and will also try to get actors and Directors to speak on their films. The Society was a previously recognized group.

MOTION 223:

WHEREAS the Loyola Film Society has properly completed the application for club recognition process, and;  
WHEREAS a founding member is in attendance to answer any questions;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board recognize the Loyola Film Society pending approval of their constitution by Judicial Board.

Moved by: David Etherington  
Seconded by: Andy King

VOTE ON MOTION 223:

18/0/0 UNANIMOUS

b) Loyola Student Broadcasting Corporation Ratification:

Joel Elkin introduced John Rayson, President of L.S.B.C. and Pierre Breton, General Manager of CIRL Radio. John outlined the function of the LSBC. Since they have a license they are required to be owned by a corporate body which is federally chartered and non-profit, hence the LSBC is holder of the license. Questions were asked about the distinction between the LSBC and CIRL.

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MOTION 224:

WHEREAS the Loyola Students Broadcasting Corporation has properly completed the Application for Club Recognition process, and;  
WHEREAS a founding member is in attendance to answer any questions;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board recognize the Loyola Students Broadcasting Corporation pending approval of their Constitution by Judicial Board.

Moved by: David Etherington  
Seconded by: Mark Pink

VOTE ON MOTION 224:  
(9:45)

15/0/0 UNANIMOUS

c) Engineering Service Contract:

A 15 minute recess was called to that Directors could co-ordinate their Motions on this issue.

Meeting re-convened at 10:00 p.m.

MOTION 225:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board establish a CUSA-ECA negotiating team, whose first task shall be to report on all aspects of negotiations thus far; whose second task shall be to itemize the subjects to be negotiated; whose third task shall be to recommend a negotiating position to the next meeting of the Board of Directors, which shall then ratify or amend such a proposed negotiating position, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT after such a position has been established, the Committee shall enter into negotiations and shall regularly report to the Board on the status of negotiations. When the Board is satisfied with the negotiated terms, they shall be ratified and the negotiating team shall be dissolved. This negotiating team will consist of one Co-President, the Finance V.P., a representative from the Education Department, one director (preferably not an Engineering Director), and one CUSACORP Director.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco  
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion: Milva and Karen reiterated that we have to look at the technical feasibilities of the contract and the structure and not debate the philosophy. Yael suggested that it is important to have a representative from the Education Department, as it is necessary that she knows how the structure will change Engineering student representation.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION 225:

MOVE to add a representative of the Education Department under composition of the Committee.

Moved by: Martin Pereira  
Seconded by: Dan Artola

Discussion on Amendment: Debate ensued regarding the necessity of having an Education rep. on the Committee. Dan Artola mentioned that an extra voice will do no harm and that it might be nice having an expert on academic matters. Karen Takacs pointed out that it is not essential as no one is an expert and besides, Ron can speak for Yael.

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Martin Pereira asked if AEGIC could appoint their Engineering reps. to Senate or Board of Governors. It was answered that it would not be possible unless the Charter, or by-laws, of the University is changed.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION 225: 9/5/2 CARRIED

Debate continued on the Motion as amended.

VOTE ON MOTION 225: 16/0/0 UNANIMOUS

(10:30)

Composition of Negotiating Committee: (all by general consent)

Director:	Milva D'Aronco
Education V.P.:	Yael Lifshitz
CUSACORP Director:	(to be decided)
Finance V.P.:	Brian Weihs
Co-President:	Ron Hiscox

At this point, Art Checchin, V.P. External of E.C.A. asked to address the Board. He gave a bit of an update on the history of negotiations. He often felt that the CUSA negotiators didn't really care about negotiating, and therefore he felt alienated. Is now glad that the wheels seem to be in motion and perhaps proper negotiating can now occur.

d). Post-Obligatory Education Tax Proposal (POET):

Peter Wheeland gave a brief description of what POET is, its rationale, how the figures were arrived at, and what the public reaction has been.

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Questions were asked concerning the feasibility of the project as well as specifics of the financial implications. Questions were also directed to Peter concerning the technicalities of this proposal. Certain scenarios were created to better illustrate how POET would work.

Peter reiterated the main point of this proposal: that anyone with academic qualifications would be able to further their education.

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Peter also explained that he would like a Parliamentary Committee to look into the specifics as they are the experts. It was asked whether students could have the option of paying while in the educational system, and not after. Peter said this could pose many complicated problems, and the system could be abused. Also, the person would have to pay the full actual cost, not current tuition prices.

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More questions and debate ensued.

MOTION 226:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The CUSA Board of Directors adopt the following statement:

The CUSA Board of Directors believes that tuition fees act as a financial barrier to post-secondary education (PSE) access. Further, the Board believes that the current student financial aid program is inadequate and, specifically, that the student loans portion of the program discourages poorer students from applying for such aid through the forced acquisition of significant debt loads.

In consequence, the Board believes that tuition fees should be eliminated and that the financial aid system should provide adequate amounts of aid exclusively in the form of bursary.

The Board recognizes that the general public, through taxes, subsidizes a significant portion (over 90%) of the costs of post-secondary education and that the largest share of these costs is borne by the poorest elements of society. Since it is exactly these groups which least accede to college and university, the Board believes it is unjust to ask that society as a whole be asked to subsidize 100% of the cost of education PSE students.

At the same time, we feel that maintaining a "user-fee" system which asks students to pay for a portion of their education upon entry into the system will block real accessibility and democratization. Therefore, if we are to accept the belief that those who benefit from PSE should shoulder a portion of the costs, then such arrangement must be implemented only when students have left the PSE system and are in the work force. As well, the contribution exacted must reflect the personal economic value of the education to the individual, rather than the cost of the state of educating that individual.

Recognizing all of the above, the Board believes the Quebec government should eliminate tuition fees and replace the loan portion of the financial aid system with bursaries. The revenues to pay for these two reforms should be derived from a special sur-tax on the taxable income of ex-students who have benefitted from the reforms. This sur-tax, entitled the Post Obligatory Education Tax (POET), shall be set at a fixed percentage of taxable income for a taxation period of three years for every full-time equivalent year spent in a post-secondary institution.

Notwithstanding all of the above, the Board wishes this proposal to be the subject of a public consultation of the Permanent Parliamentary Commission on Education in order to allow for input from all groups concerned by the question of PSE access and democratization. Following the consultation, the Board asks that the Quebec government do the required research to develop a working model of POET legislation and to then hold a second consultation to receive further feedback from interested groups.

Moved by: Mike Judson  
Seconded by: Ron Hiscox

VOTE ON MOTION 226: 17/0/0 UNANIMOUS

e) Dates of By-Elections:

Scott White, on behalf of Judicial Board, proposed the dates for the By-Elections for the CUSA Board of Directors.

MOTION 227:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors set the following dates for the By-Elections for the CUSA Board of Directors:

Nomination Period:	October 7 - 11, 1985
Campaign Period:	October 14 - 28, 1985
Election Period:	October 29, 30 and 31, 1985
Results to be made public on	November 1, 1985.

Moved by: Mark Pink  
Seconded by: Dan Artola

VOTE ON MOTION 227: 17/0/0 UNANIMOUS

f) CUSACORP General Manager:

At the last CUSACORP Board meeting, it was unanimously decided that Olga Gazdovic would be hired as CUSACORP General Manager. Since CUSA is shareholder of CUSACORP, the Board of Directors of CUSA must approve the decision. Lorne Severs outlined CUSACORP's reasons for hiring Ms. Gazdovic, and spoke about her qualities that would make her the perfect candidate. Many people around the table echoed Lorne's sentiments about Ms. Gazdovic's competence.

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MOTION 228:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Olga Gazdovic be hired as General Manager of CUSACORP, the contract to be re-negotiated on June 1, 1986.

Moved by: Lorne Severs  
Seconded by: Andy King

Discussion: Questions were asked about Olga's background, the job description and salary.

VOTE ON MOTION 228: 16/0/1 CARRIED


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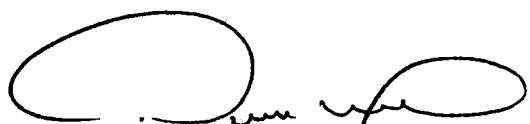
9. Announcements:

- Alex Commodari pleaded for volunteers for the info booths. He explained that it is every Director's duty to help expose new students to CUSA.
- Yael Lifshitz invited the Board to the Annual "CUSA Meets the Administration" party to be held on Monday, September 30, 1985 in the Main Lounge of the Campus Centre from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Joel Elkin reminded everyone that October 9th is "Clubs on Campus - Part II and October 11th is the infamous Liaison Department Tea Party. More info to follow.
- Ron and Mike announced that CUSA will match the donations received from the Board, to be sent to the Oncology centre in the name of Robert Gauvin's father.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

  
Scott White, Chairperson

  
Deb Konig, Recording Secretary